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## Leadership Retreat A Success

Christine Conte  
Sandspur Staff

This past weekend, 75 students and four faculty members (Ray Rogers, Lina Strimavicius, Rina Tovar, and Blake Mackesy with her baby Emily), put their heads together at the annual Leadership Retreat. Held at the lovely beach-side resort in Melbourne, this retreat was about community, energy, teamwork, enthusiasm, and a willingness to actually do something about the changes Rollins desperately needs.

This year, in contrast to prior retreats, the majority of the time was not dedicated to amending the school's alcohol policy. Nor was an inordinate amount of time spent on the "Save the J-Term" campaign -- although some conversation sparked up when Dr. Bornstein and Matt Gabriel met with the group in an open-floor type discussion Sunday morning. This retreat primarily devoted itself to one goal -- building spirit and a sense

of community on campus. Yes, *devoted itself*, because this wasn't a group of people who wanted to be told what to talk about. Every person present had come to express a concern, to tell of their own experiences, and to deal with a real problem. They wanted answers and a way to immediately get those answers in motion. Ray Rogers commented, "Of the four leadership retreats that I've helped plan, this has been by far the most positive and the one that has generated the most ideas." I think that everyone that attended would have to agree.

Of course, other topics were discussed this weekend: ethics and morals, substance abuse, environmental awareness and action, sexual assault, respect, merging the social and intellectual worlds, self-esteem and tolerance of diversity. Several plans of action were constructed to work on these issues. For example, we wanted to build a sense of community on this campus through a major goal that ev-

eryone has in common -- RECYCLING! Also we want the faculty more involved in many of these areas by not only getting them talking to us, but also to one another, to their classes, and to other students.

The weekend focused not only on discussion about problems and how to fix them, but on fun, challenging activities that forced us to alter our methods of communication. We realized that we were the most efficient and productive when we didn't use words! We decided that the way to work on the problems facing us was to hit the ground running when we got back to campus; no meetings upon meetings about lack of a sense of community and involvement.

We decided to start up a group of people -- the core of this group being the 75 students at the retreat -- who would attend athletic and cultural events in support of our fellow Rollins students. No more empty stands at the home games or empty seats in the Annie Russell. We decided

to stop waiting for spirit to just descend upon our student body and to take it upon ourselves to actively engage the naturally-energetic, fun-loving people in all different types of activities. And we know that if we can get enough people to participate, the scene on campus will change into one that views supporting our friends as "The Place To Be".

If you saw the Women's Volleyball game on Wednesday night, then you saw what we are all about. Come out for the Men's Soccer game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday September 26, and you'll see us there, too. If you have any questions or you want more information call Matt Mitchell at 2643, Christine Conte at 2778, or Nichole Adams at 2556.



## World-Renowned Physicist To Speak At Rollins

Kim Hanisak  
Editor Emeritus

Theoretical physicist from the City University of New York, Michio Kaku, Ph.D., will visit Rollins on October 3, 1997 to share his knowledge and expertise on the upcoming Cassini space mission. Kaku will address the college twice with two different discussions. The first of these, "Einstein's Legacy: Science in the Next 100 Years", will take place in the Galloway Room at 2:00pm. Kaku will then join other guest speakers (not yet disclosed) as part of a round table discussion on "Cassini and the Future of Space Exploration" at 7:00pm in the Bush Auditorium.

The Cassini space mission, scheduled to launch on October 13 from Kennedy Space Center, is a joint NASA-European Space Agency craft with a mission of reaching Saturn in 2004 for a close-up study

of the Saturnian system, including the planet's atmosphere and magnetic field, the rings, and several moons. Cassini's scientific instruments require electricity, yet Saturn is too far from the sun to generate the electricity from the sunlight, and conventional batteries will not hold a charge for the entire eight-year mission. Because of this NASA engineers chose to use 72 pounds of plutonium as the power source. The decision to use plutonium has lead to a great deal of controversy surrounding the mission. Many are concerned about the possible nuclear accidents that might occur during launch, re-entry, or as the spacecraft swings past Earth two years from now. Still others question the need for plutonium rather than some other power source. As the launch nears, debate surrounding the mission continues to increase.

NASA denies that launching the Cassini mission "will place the public at great risk" and feels that the mission is safe. Beverly Cook, program director for radioisotope power systems at the Energy Department, agrees with NASA and says that "[Cassini] has been thoroughly reviewed. There's absolutely no accident sequence that results in huge amounts of plutonium being released. People have misunderstood the risk. They've been presented numbers that have no basis in fact."

However, these reassuring words from NASA and the Energy Department do not seem to be reassuring everyone. Protestors to the mission

have planned a demonstration at Kennedy Space Center on October 4 to show their opposition to the mission. Among those in attendance will be Dr. Kaku, one day following his visit to Rollins.

The Cassini mission is an important topic of discussion not only in Central Florida, but also around the world. On October 3, Rollins has the opportunity to play a role in the discussion. Find out more about the mission as well as the potential risks of nuclear power. Decide for yourself where you stand on the issue. It guarantees to be an interesting and thought-provoking day of discussion.

### Correction

Phi Mu did not lose their house due to low live-in numbers. They lost their house because the chapter was suspended. Prior to the suspension of the chapter, Phi Mu had Fox Hall and the required number of members.

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# Victim Advocates Provide Help For Rollins Community

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The Rollins College Victim Advocates take their positions very seriously. They have been trained in assisting a victim in coping and surviving a sexual assault experience. In the event of a crisis, a victim advocate is dispatched to meet the student and accompany them through the coping process. This may include reporting the crime, obtaining medical and psychological treatment and walking through the judicial process.

"As director of our personal counseling services, I have listened to many sad stories of sexual assault here on campus. I have witnessed first-

hand the impact acquaintance rape has had upon women. I feel in a small, but meaningful way our victim advocate program assists students through the process of recovery from these traumatic events. Our unconditional support for survivors helps them gain back power and control over their lives," stated Mark Freeman.

The victim advocates are committed to supporting and assisting victims during traumatic events. The advocates will also take steps to protect the confidentiality of the victim. We hope their services are not needed this year, but we all feel safer knowing help is available.



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## Rape Statistics

- 1 in 12 male college students have committed acts that meet the legal definition of rape or acquaintance rape.

- In a Virginia Tech study, 90% of sexual assault victims said alcohol was a factor in the assault

- First-year college women face the greatest risk of sexual assault between the beginning of school and Thanksgiving break.

## Life After Rape: A Personal Experience

Shannon Gryn  
Ads Manager

I was raped at age fourteen. People ask how it feels to be raped. I cannot say; the attack seems like a one second memory. A hollow feeling grows in my chest as I remember how my arms failed to push him off of me. If rape only affected a person for a few minutes, I would have been spared the devastating effects it had on me for years after the attack. Recovery is possible if you get help, but the memory is never erased.

My family was upstairs on the other side of the shore house as I was getting ready for bed. The day was uneventful and began to lead into a seemingly uneventful night, starting with a pleasant game of miniature golf. My life changed when my life-long friend came into my bedroom and demanded a goodnight kiss.

I looked up and saw his 6'5" frame blocking the doorway and his eyes appearing to look right through me. From the cold way he stared, I knew something was not right; I told him to leave. After fruitless arguing and a game of cat and mouse, he cornered me. As I backed away from him, my legs hit the bed. I knew that I couldn't run any further and the feeling of uneasiness became panic and terror. "He" pushed me down by my shoulders and pinned me underneath him. I could feel his weight on top of me restricting my ability to move or fight. In hindsight I should have screamed. In hind-

sight, I have relived the moment over and over - thinking of ways I could have prevented the rape. For four years I continually blamed myself for the assault.

In my mind and nightmares I struggle to push him off of me. Every time I move to get away, his right hand squeezes my stomach harder, causing pain. The bruises on my body lasted longer than the attack. The emotional scars reside permanently in my consciousness.

He left when he heard someone coming down the stairs. From that moment on I began my battle with denial and acceptance. Initially, I cried in shock and anger. I had trusted him more than anyone. Hunched over into a little ball and feeling nauseous, I stayed awake all night. My mind raced, trying to figure out what had happened. I kept rehearsing in my mind what I would say to him the next morning, but when I woke up I decided to bury the anger instead.

Denying the attack and keeping it a secret was the wrong decision. My two years of denial did little to prevent serious depression, insomnia, and nightmares. I hid the episode from my parents and friends. I could hardly admit to myself what had happened, let alone admit it to my family. I lacked social support and counseling because I could not trust anyone with my shameful secret.

By the age of sixteen dating and socializing with guys challenged my sanity. When a

guy put his hand on my shoulder, I would start. If he tried to kiss me, I began sweating, shaking, and feeling lightheaded and nauseous. Brief flashbacks of the attack caused me to react as if the rape were reoccurring. Any male touch brought me back to the time he ripped into me. The continual reliving of the assault provoked panic attacks when alone with a guy. Telling anyone about the rape would require the trust that he took away from me.

The rape took a physical toll on my body, too. Eating and sleeping no longer existed. Showering did little to cleanse my feelings of defilement.

Now I know that I was suffering from Rape Trauma Syndrome which is a form of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. 35% of rape survivors experience similar symptoms including the inability to sleep, to trust people, and to accept the assault.

One of the most useful emotions I experienced was anger. I hated all men and doubted everyone's intentions. The anger made the pain of betrayal easier to accept and the emotion helped me to feel powerful. He took violent control over my body, a control that has lasted years. Anger gave me the strength to take it back.

Seven years have passed now and I still do not know why he raped me or if he knows how he has hurt me. But despite this mystery, I no longer suffer from flashbacks and panic attacks, and I rarely have nightmares. I credit my recovery

to one friend who has listened, supported, and shown me that trustworthy, honorable men do exist. His encouragement to seek counseling and to admit the assault to myself has restored my trust in people and has helped me let go of my anger.

Three out of four women will be raped in college; men can be victims, too. You cannot be too cautious about who you hang out with, how much you drink, etc. because if you get raped, it's not just one second in your life. Rape can haunt a survivor for years. However, no matter what pre-

cautions you take, you are NEVER responsible for being raped.

If you have survived sexual assault please believe that it is not a death sentence. Rape is a crime of power that starts at the crime and lasts for years, but it is not unconquerable. I encourage anyone who has survived a rape to tell someone and attend counseling. These actions do work if you have patience and perseverance. Five years ago — two years after I was raped — I could not kiss anyone, now I am getting married.

It can be overcome.

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## A Better Sushi Experience

Barbara Abello  
Features Editor

Two weeks ago, as you might recall, I had a disastrous experience at Shiki Sushi.

Even though I thought I would keep away from Japanese food for a very long time, I missed my Sashimi and rolls. Fortunately, I found a decent Japanese restaurant not too far from Rollins.

Yae Sushi, at the intersection of Aloma and state road 436 turned out to be much more safer than Shiki. Yae is your typical Japanese restau-

rant, small tables, heterogeneous crowd, temperamental waitresses that you rarely see. The sushi is eatable. The presentation of the dishes, however, is sometimes disappointing. Don't be surprised if the waitress rushes to the table two seconds after delivering your food. "Oh dear! I forgot to remove the Saran wrap from the Spicy Tuna Rolls!"

Overall, Yae seems better than Shiki, specially when it comes to prices. Nevertheless, if you are looking for the greatest sushi experience, Yae leaves a lot to wish for.

## Greek Week At Rollins

Chuck Catanese  
Sandspur Staff

Get ready Rollins, because Greek Week is coming up. The eleven fraternities and sororities around campus will come together from September 30 to October 3 to compete in a number of activities ranging from performing community service projects to crowning the Greek Man and Women of the year. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, September 30 - Blood Drive

Wednesday, October 1 - Greek Banquet in Galloway Room

Thursday, October 2 - Obstacle Course and Raft Race

Friday, October 3 - All-Greek Party

Tuesday's Blood Drive is

the Greek System's way to give back to the community. The Greek Banquet will honor the Greek Man and Women of the Year, Faculty Member of the Year, the Greek men and women with the highest GPA, and non-Greek scholars. The Raft Race will allow different teams to race against each other. The teams are comprised of Chi Omega/Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma/Sigma Phi Epsilon/Phi Delta Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon/Non Compis Mentis, and Chi Psi/Kappa Delta. The Week will be capped off with some live local music from Gumwrapper Curb and Facilities Management at the All-Greek Party on Friday night. Greek Week is sure to be an extremely fun time and all students are encouraged to come out and participate.

## South Park: A Family Show. . .

Shannon Gryn  
Ads Manager

From Kenny dying to kicking the baby, who couldn't love these four politically incorrect kids? My first introduction to this lovable bunch happened over the summer when I downloaded the short Internet movie *The Spirit of Christmas*. If you haven't seen this hysterical short, then you must look it up on [www.comcentral.com](http://www.comcentral.com). Go to *South Park* and then download. It takes about 30 minutes to download, but it is well worth the wait. A word of warning: Some people may find this clip highly offensive if they are Christian, Jewish, fat, or if they hate obscenities and violence.

As for the show... I was a bit disappointed when I saw the first episode because the writers obviously had to tone down the show for TV. However, as I watched the *South Park* marathon, I couldn't help but love the show. This cartoon

embraces American culture. In just six short episodes the writers have managed to include the classic alien abduction, JFK's assassination, violence in television, homosexuality, and euthanasia.

Some people have called this show offensive and rank it with *Beavis and Butthead*. I totally disagree with both classifications; *Beavis and Butthead* are two dumb, horny teenagers who watch music videos all day. *South Park* does have four kids with dirty mouths, but the humor, albeit sometimes crude, far outweighs anything *Beavis and Butthead* has to offer.

So what if Kenny dies a violent death each week? People need to lighten up. This show is a cartoon (granted, it is not for children) and it uses animation to poke fun at itself and the rest of the country. *South Park* is a show for everyone who enjoys laughing at current society and themselves.

## Book Review: *Suffer the Children*

Beth Savitsky  
Sandspur Staff

I read the book *Suffer the Children*, one novel in a book of three by John Saul. A thirteen year-old girl, Elizabeth, unknowingly tortures, sexually oppresses, dismembers and decapitates three neighborhood children. The only witness is her eight-year-old mute sister, Sarah. Sarah withdrew into her own little world when her loving father, Jack, unconsciously beat the living crap out of her. Jack doesn't remember hurting his daughter at all. The Conger family falls victim to an old family legend that becomes a living nightmare.

Elizabeth starts receiving messages in her head from a vengeful spirit to perform these gruesome tasks, then later forgets them and has no clue what happened. Sarah tries to communicate with the outside world by screaming like crazy every time Elizabeth goes to torture

someone. No one is suspicious of Elizabeth being responsible for the missing children, she is the portrait of the perfect child. She tells the neighborhood kids she knows of a secret place, taking them to a dark cave with a ladder leading down to a small cavern. Elizabeth pulls the ladder up once her victims are in the cavern and leaves them there for days, once throwing a package of raw meat down to them for food. Elizabeth enacts the spirit's revenge by killing these children, a horribly detailed massacre that made my stomach turn. The mute Sarah returns to the cave and brings back a child's arm, and then is institutionalized by her parents. They think Sarah is the killer, but no one finds where the bodies are hidden until fifteen years into the future.

Sarah is now speaking again, but she has no recollection of her sister's killings, or of the arm she carried to

her parents. She is going home for the first time in fifteen years today. Remember, Elizabeth doesn't know what she's done. Sarah's doctor finds out they found the skeletons of the three children in that cave, and with Elizabeth by her side, the doctor tells Sarah of the findings. All the memories come flooding back to her, after being blamed for years of her sister's actions, and as she turns to her sister in shock and screams, "Elizabeth!", well, you have to read the book to find out the rest, no point in spoiling it.

This book was a real shocker, from beginning to end I was captivated yet appalled by the twists and turns this story made. Sarah tried to help the only way her distant mind could manage, by showing her parents the evidence. There is no happy ending, because the torture never ended for the Conger family.

## Vivir sin Dormir: Rollins in Madrid program

Corey Snow  
Special To The Sandspur

The sun had not yet risen when we arrived at the Madrid International airport at 7:00 AM on January 2, 1997. I was quite disoriented traveling more than 14 hours through six time zones. Since the night before was New Year's Eve, one could imagine that I had relatively no idea what time it was or what time it was supposed to be. The only thing I did know was that I felt extremely tired. I was ready to drop my bags off at the hotel and take a nap. Sally and Oscar, the directors of the Tandem International School for Language, met us at the baggage claim and directed us towards the taxis that were going to take us to the Hotel de Paris, a former apartment building where Ernest Hemingway once lived. The dry, crisp air bit my face when I first stepped outside. Quite a change from the 72 degree weather in Orlando, I thought. I began to wonder if this was such a smart move. Sally and Oscar gave us an orientation of what to expect in Madrid: how to understand the subway system, where are classes were located, where our [host] families lived, the do's and don'ts of the Spanish society, et cetera.

It all seemed overwhelming at first; almost like a challenge in which we had to fend for ourselves in a country that really didn't care that we had a limited knowledge of the culture and the language. Unlike

Mexico, Guatemala or the Dominican Republic, where there seems to be a sense of admiration towards the United States (as if Americans lived in a privileged society), the Spanish really didn't give an impression that there was anything worth being jealous of in the United States. "And why should they?", I thought. Spain is one of the most influential, culturally-diverse and historically-rich countries in the world. The U.S. only began developing its history and culture 250 years ago. I saw that I had much to learn from this country.

Compared to other European capitals such as Paris, London, and Rome, Madrid is a young capital, having been the seat of the Spanish government only since the 17th century. It may be because of that fact that the city has never fully adapted to the monumental identity of a national capital. Madrid's "other" image seems to be as a Castilian city. These days, Madrid is a very "alive" city that still retains the personal charm of the provinces and the warmth and friendliness of small neighbors. Becoming increasingly known as a center for the latest in European fashion, this city is also home to experimental theater, avant-garde art and the kind of irreverent youth culture made famous worldwide in the films of Pedro Almodovar. With over four million inhabitants, Madrid is a curious blend of traditional and ultracontemporary lifestyles that the city and its

inhabitants so vigorously support.

The *Rollins in Madrid* program is located at the Tandem International School. The basis of formal instruction at Tandem is a communicative methodology of language learning that stresses the student's immediate active engagement in language comprehension. Classes at Tandem are small with usually no more than ten students. Instructors have extensive experience in the strategies of encouraging rapid and intensive language acquisition. Recognizing that successful training in another language cannot take place in a vacuum, Tandem provides a series of cultural activities throughout the semester that are designed to provide each student with a fuller sense of Spanish language, life and culture.

The Madrid program lasts four months. Students may earn up to four course units taking four classes, all of which are taught in Spanish. For the first month, students enroll in a month-long intensive Spanish class. For the following three months, students continue the Spanish language class and take two additional classes (*monograficos*). For the spring semester in 1998, students may apply until October 1, 1997. For more information on the *Rollins in Madrid* program, stop by the International Programs office in Carnegie Hall for an application and brochure.



# Read What The Stars Have In Store For You

*Sandspur Contributor  
Special to the Sandspur*

*Editors Note: The author requested that their name not be printed and we are complying with their request.*

**Aries** (March 21-April 20): Try to get plenty of fresh air and sunshine to renew your health and energy this week. This will be a week for making new friends and cementing old ones. Work should not offer a lot of surprises but there could be a promotion in the stars for you. Take long walks and meditate on certain things that have been bothering you and you will find the answer to that particular problem that has been haunting you for weeks. Children will need more of your attention than usual and so will a spouse. Your dreams will be vivid and informative if you will but pay them heed.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 21): There is a good chance of job advancement this week and you will have a big increase in your stock in trade. Family tend to be more loving than usual and you respond in kind. Love is in the air for the unmarried among you, perhaps a new love you want to keep forever. Dreams are entertaining and informative-- you take the most vivid one each day and meditate on it, you will be able to receive the help your subconscious is trying to give you. Be kind to all the strangers you see this week as, "there, but for the grace of God go I". One of them could also be an angel.

**Gemini** (May 22-June 21): "Hurry up and wait" will be your lot for this week. Everyone is in a hurry but doesn't have the time to give you what you need to finish the job. It is best to adopt a laid-back attitude and roll with the flow so it doesn't roll over you. Take a positive approach! A child may have some behavioral problems at school that you need to address. Your dreams should be very informative this week as if to help smooth out your worries. Try to pay close attention to the most interesting ones and be alert at all times for a warning contained in one. You may be spiritually tested this week.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22): You have passed all the requirements and now the main bout is coming on. Don't get worried as the hardest part is over. Optimism and hope are your bywords and prayer and mediation will give you the insight necessary to choose the best company to work for. Children are somewhat of a problem this week for those of you who are married with... Nothing too serious, but it may be something that should not be put off until later. Your willpower is low so try not to put

yourself into tempting situations where you could ruin all that you have worked so hard for. Dreams are of a prophetic nature this week.

**Leo** (July 23-August 23): An old friend will drop in on you this week. This person may not be the same as you once thought, so listen carefully so you can pinpoint the real reason for this visit. Finally, after all the planning and hard work you will be getting out of that dead-end job and going into business for yourself. Don't be nervous as this stands a wonderful chance of being quite a moneymaking plan. Think it over thoroughly and you will see that it is exactly what you were aiming for. Love is pretty much on hold and those with a spouse will find life at home quiet and relaxing. Dreams are encouraging and can show you some interesting things.

**Virgo** (August 24-September 22): This will be a good week for taking trips and travel to foreign countries if that is your job. Someone is pinning all their hopes and dreams on something you have encouraged and you follow through and help this person. Try to get lots of fresh air and sunshine, but keep your mind on work as you have a tendency this week to play hookey from the office. Your dreams are down to basics this week -- pay close attention to what they are telling you. Write them down and you will have more time to study them before the mists of forgetfulness whisks them away.

**Libra** (September 23-October 23): Fleeting moments of pleasure may not be good enough to make up for a lifetime of love and trust which you will surely lose if you give in to temptation. Time spent with the family this week pays off big in satisfaction and love. Don't be quick to blame anyone for what may be someone else's fault. You will be able to create peace and harmony if you give the other person the benefit of the doubt. An angel encounter is a possibility for you this week as your psychic energies are very high. Watch your dreams for further notice on this wonderful event.

**Scorpio** (October 24-November 22): Complete all projects this week that you have been working on, and clear away the deadwood for something new coming along that will take your entire attention. There will be several opportunities to increase your net worth. This would not be a good time to think about buying anything major, such as a house or a car, as you will not be able to give it the attention a purchase such as this should have. This is a spiritual week for you and your dreams will reflect it. Spend time in prayer

or meditation before going to sleep and you should have some very profound dreams.

**Sagittarius** (November 23-December 21): You hit a business slump this week and you make plans to put into the works some new ideas you have been working on. Go ahead and do it, but remember all businesses have an off time -- this could be yours and not a cause for undue stress. Take time for prayer and reaffirming your faith in God, you will be glad you did. Be careful that a stubborn streak does not cause you more trouble than it is worth. Dreams are vivid and some may be colorful as well. Pay particular attention to the dreams you have in color as they are the highly-prophetic ones that can offer you much guidance.

**Capricorn** (December 22-January 20): A new job or just a new boss could have you all in a dither this week but everything will work out in your favor, so don't get your nerves in an uproar. Advancements and opportunities are in your grasp. Angels are out there and yours may be calling on you this week. You will know by your feelings. By all means, help this 'person' and you will be filled with love and joy. Your spouse

may be feeling tension and needs the support that you can give. Dreams are beautiful and spiritual this week so please don't just pass them off as they could really mean a lot to you.

**Aquarius** (January 21-February 18): A quiet but productive week with a little excitement early on but things soon calm down. Out of town visitors, possibly relatives, may cause you extra trouble, but you are your soul of hospitality self and wind up enjoying their stay. A telephone call will bring you happiness and a sense of expectation. Families feel a special kind of closeness and camaraderie as you share good times together. Dreams are very revealing this week and you would do well to sort out the messages that your subconscious is sending you. Meditate each day at least

for an hour to really understand the message.

**Pisces** (February 19-March 20): This week you concentrate of family and friends. You could find that car with the perfect terms that you have been searching for. Perseverance pays off and you proudly drive it home, around the house repairs and chores should be completed, or started, as you now locate a good contractor to do them. Being politically-minded, you may be asked to run for a local office. This would be a good thing for you to do at this time. This is a very spiritual week for you and you can benefit from prayer and meditation. Your dreams will reflect this with vivid dreams in color that could bring you a few profound revelations.



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## Fake Money Revisited

Johnny Crosskey  
Sandspur Staff

For those of you who frequently read *The Sandspur* last year (and we do appreciate that), you may remember coming across an article that addressed the exorbitantly high prices students pay at the C-store and the Bookstore. Well, I got several responses from students after the article was written. Most people responded that it was something that needed to be said and that they hoped that change would be made.

Fast-forward to the present: I was in the C-store this morning and I noticed a maroon-colored lawn chair sitting in front of the aisle. I examined it a little to look for the price. To my dismay, I saw that it was \$37.99. If you remember from last year, the price was \$36.95. Then, I continued to price other items in the hope that my previous article was not in vain. The prices continue to be absorbingly high. I priced several items again. This is what I found...

- A four-pack of AA Energizer batteries - \$6.09
- Extra-Strength Tylenol containing 50 gelcaps - \$8.99
- Six ounce bottle of NyQuil - \$6.65



- Half-ounce tube of Neosporin - \$5.99
- Tortino's Pizza for one - \$1.59

Once again the list goes on and on.

I decided to write about this topic again, more for the benefit of the freshman than anybody else. One, they didn't have the benefit of reading my article from last year. And two, they are the ones who have to endure the ever-rising prices for the next four years. I also realize it will take more my writing an article and students merely noticing the prices for things to improve. Action needs to be taken. It is not enough for us just to complain about the C-store. We need to take our complaints to the administration. As I stated in my previous article, a boycott may be the one action that will get results. Economics show that if the people don't buy a certain product, the prices must lower or that business will go under. A few weeks ago, an admired advisor of mine told me that this problem won't be solved by writing articles. It will be solved by taking action.

## WHAT DO ALL THESE BEVERAGES HAVE IN COMMON?



They all have a tasteless, odorless, colorless substance in them that could set you up for rape.  
*And your drink could too.*

Rape is a sad reality. And it can happen to anyone. Even you.

When secretly slipped into a beverage, even a glass of lemonade, sedating substances can leave anyone vulnerable to sexual assault. You may not be able to see it, smell it, or taste it. And you don't have to be at a bar or club. It could happen in any social setting. The tragic fact is that the reasons for rape really have nothing to do with you. It happens only because there are people who wish to harm.

*But there are some things that may help reduce your risk:*

- Always keep your beverage in sight.
- At a bar or club, accept drinks only from the bartender or server.

- At social gatherings, don't accept open-container drinks from anyone.
- If you experience dizziness, extreme drowsiness, or other sudden and unexplained symptoms, call someone you trust. Go to a hospital emergency room immediately. Try to retain a sample of the beverage for testing.

If you think you've been sexually assaulted, call Victim Advocates at 646-2194 (day) or 646-2401 (eve) or call the police immediately. Don't be afraid to reach out for help. There are tests to help prove that you've been drugged, and a federal law that can put the rapist in prison for 20 years.

So please, help reduce your risk...

**Watch your drink!**

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## Letters To The Editors: Responses From Previous Issues

RE: "Sports Column: The Drug Policy" by  
Chris Thorne, September 18, 1997

Dear Editors,

Chris Thorne raises many interesting points in his article, "Sports Column: The Drug Policy." He says "there is a greater problem with Rollins' drug policy: it applies only to athletes." He then asks, "Why?" The answer is simple. When one participates in a NCAA sport, one signs a form saying that one will not use illegal drugs during their period of eligibility. The athlete also agrees not to drink 48 hours before a competition. Rollins does not make the rules; Rollins is only trying to enforce them. By participating in a NCAA sport, an athlete agrees to a no-drug policy and should therefore have no reason to fear a random drug test. I'm sure that other colleges have similar policies. Why, then, are the other non-NCAA sports also included in this policy? It is because these sports fall under the same governing body at Rollins as the NCAA sports. Why not test everyone else at Rollins? Everyone else does not need to be tested because they did not agree as students, faculty, or staff to be tested. "Big Brother" is not picking on only the athletes as the article indicated - being drug-free should be a part of being a Rollins athlete. I am not saying that this should give free license to the rest of the campus to do whatever they want - my point is that by being an athlete, certain responsibilities follow.

Thorne also says in his article that, "the most obnoxious section to Rollins' program is the alcohol policy. The fact that an athlete can be detained and tested on the spot is unfair." The fact is, no athlete should come to a practice or competition drunk. No coach will ever suspect an athlete of being drunk if they were to "inadvertently trip and stumble." We all fall over our feet from time to time. Suspicion would include smelling of alcohol, not walking in a straight line, stuttering, and so on. Additionally, one cannot be tested until another official gives a second opinion. Not only does this policy enforce NCAA rules, it also has medical issues in mind. Drinking alcohol dehydrates the body, and practicing or competing under the hot Florida sun while dehydrated can lead to serious medical complications, such as passing out or heatstroke.

If this policy is so abominable as Mr. Thorne suggests, why doesn't he be the first to protest by not participating in his sport at all? If you are going to participate, then accept the fact that with being a member of a Rollins sports team comes the responsibility of being drug-free.

Kelly Rhodes

Captain of the women's cross country team

Dear Editors:

You have a very strange sense of humor. I am referring to the article on the humor page of the September 11, 1997 issue entitled "You know you're at Rollins when..." Specifically, my concerns center around the inclusion of the statement that Lakeside Health Center provides "pregnancy testing, birth control, and emergency contraceptives." Yes, the statement is absolutely true, but I do not see where the humor lies. If students chose abstinence, or had plans for a large family, these services would not be necessary.

Lakeside Health Center should not be viewed as one-dimensional. The Center provides a multitude of services. The sexuality component comprises only one aspect of the care provided at LHC. Routine physicals for sports and travel are also offered as well as general health maintenance - which include pap smears for women.

Lakeside Health Center is here to provide the services needed and requested by the students.

Mary Ann Frank, ARNP-C  
Director, Lakeside Health Center



# J-term: To Keep Or Not To Keep? That Is The Question

Contributor  
Special to the Sandspur

*Editors Note: The author requested that their name not be printed and we are complying with their request.*

In the past week, the J-term issue has become the biggest controversy on campus. What began with the question "to keep or not to keep?" has now turned into a chaotic bundle of propositions embodying radically-opposed opinions. Indeed, confusion is widespread and the possibilities seem endless. However, here are some of the key alternatives recalled:

- Get rid of J-Term and move our calendar to the semester system.

- Get rid of J-Term and establish an optional May-Term.

- Get rid of J-Term and establish a mandatory May term.

- Keep an optional J-Term just as it is (about 12 class days).

- Keep J-Term but begin study-abroad programs in December (This way, we can have a full month abroad).

- Establish a mandatory J-Term with better classes.

- Keeping the same weak classes but reducing the credit to .50 c.u.

- Go back to the old tradition with a longer J-Term.

Even though one might think professors tended to agree in their votes, approximately the same number of people voted each alternative.

The truth remains that nobody knows what should be done. Indeed, the main prob-

lem is that, until now, J-Term was never an objective problem.

It all began when some professors realized that the workload imposed upon them during January was rather excessive. "One month is insufficient to teach quality classes," they chanted in unison. The faculty's discomfort found powerful adherents among the science majors. Their overworked brains would go on strike if they had to work during the month of May, the following year. Likewise, several other students supported the eradication of J-Term for different motives. For instance, given that we get off so late, it becomes difficult to take classes at other schools, and to find decent internships

for the summer.

Shortly after, discontent students—who had taken courses taught by the same unmotivated professors who initially complaint—joined their forces with J-Term's enemies. Progressively, subjectivity gave rise to an objective problem.

As it now stands, one would like to believe that a spirited majority realizes the importance of J-Term within the traditions of Rollins. J-Term is a great opportunity to explore virgin fields where academic knowledge rarely penetrates. J-Term is the time to learn about one of college's fundamental components: socializing. J-Term is the time to realize that not all courses are necessarily painstaking,

and that you can actually have fun in class. J-Term is the time to understand what made you come to Rollins in the first place, be it tradition, diverse programs, or innovation.

As for those who still claim that J-Term is a secular obstacle in the path to convenience, I will ask you to look beyond your physical comfort and your individualistic priorities.

Whether we like it or not, the whole is contained within the part. Rollins's character and uniqueness lies in each of its features. As a part of this institution, J-Term must be preserved, for if the part vanishes, we may begin kissing this uniqueness good-bye.

## What Is An Honors Student?

Alan Nordstrom  
Sandspur Staff

It's been my great fortune over the last few years to teach some honors classes here, for both first- and second-year students. These students are a joy. Let me tell you why. Let me examine the soul of an honors student, and you might discover that you're one, even if you don't happen to be in the honors program.

Most distinctively, honors students want eagerly to learn things. They're not trying to

fool anyone, they're not just putting up a front and playing the academic game, they really want to get something meaningful out of their courses. They're not simply serving time in college.

As a teacher, I always feel called to account by them for what I'm doing or not doing. These are discriminating and demanding students. They want to see the point of what we're working on and see how it relates to our larger objectives. They speak up when it

doesn't. Passive they aren't. Exacting they are.

They go beyond the expected. Many times in honors classes, students have spontaneously brought in materials corollary to what we're studying. They've found something in a magazine, in the newspaper, on the Internet, at the library. It relates. We share it with the others. The class becomes collaborative.

They hang around after class sometimes. Sometimes the whole discussion goes on

beyond the end of class and only those leave who must go elsewhere; the others stay engaged, are eager to press on, say more, hear other views.

In class they remember other courses they're taking or have had, and they draw connections, see parallels, find examples from different fields, or challenge us with divergent views. Learning seems holistic to them. They're looking for the Bigger Picture and how things fit together.

Surprisingly, grades don't mean as much or the same to them as to many other students. Though they feel the typical institutional constraints regarding grades and often must earn certain GPAs to keep financial aid, they see a larger aim in studying, learning, and performing academically than can be measured by a grade. They see beyond the crass capitalism of amassing status points like

dollars, as if true wealth were summed up in a bank account or transcript. Honors students learn for the joy of learning and for the good their learning will do them and the world.

Did I say that not everyone in the honors program is an honors student as I reckon one? That's true. But most are. Yet there are many like-minded students here, exhibiting the same attitudes and demonstrating the same practices as true honor students, yet doing so in tougher circumstances, against the blasé and half-hearted backdrop of less motivated, less dedicated and disciplined classmates in non-honors courses. More power to them! They swim against the stream.

The soul of an honors student? Passion. A passion to learn, grow, excel. A passion to live meaningfully. Maybe that's you.

## Bizarre News Of Interest

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Angry waiters in a restaurant in London's Chinatown section allegedly attacked a group of patrons for complaining about the food. The diners became upset when they were informed that the restaurant was "out of crispy duck." The waiters reportedly beat the customers with baseball bats.

Robert Driscoll of Detroit passed the civil service exam required to be a city bus driver, but was rejected, according to his application, for "excessively noticeable freckles."

The reverend Dwight Wymer, a Baptist minister in Grand Rapids, Michigan, reportedly used a 12-volt battery to shock his young students during sermons at his summer Bible school. Wymer explained: "When we don't do what God tells us to do... ZAP!"

In Crown Point, Indiana, police have reopened the case of a man who died from 32

hammer blows to his head. The cause of death had been ruled a suicide, in spite of the County coroner's opinion that a man simply could not remain conscious long enough to hit himself in the head 32 times.

Gerard Ropuille of Clermont, France, blew up his house with his washing machine. Ropuille told police that he was trying to remove a grease stain from his shirt when he poured a cup of gasoline in the washer. When the machine changed cycles, a spark ignited the gasoline, and blew out the first floor of his home, knocking him unconscious in the process. Said Ropuille, "I feel a bit stupid."

Japanese doctor Kiro Arikawa claims to have found a cure for insomnia, allergies, anxiety, and plain old stress. Dr. Arikawa insists that the root of all these maladies is simply too little sex. "Sex is absolutely vital to glowing good health," he explains, "and many people just don't get enough." The doctor maintains that healthy sex decreases stress levels, and leads to contentment and long life.

Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his

home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them, shouting pleas to come out and give himself up.

Flora Sanchez wound up in the hospital despite her efforts to be careful at the train crossing near her home in Mexico City. As she attempted to cross, the girl carefully looked both ways—and was hit on the head by a large metal sign warning "Beware of Trains."

Feeling his end was near, Nic Marcura, a Yugoslavian farmer, began digging his own grave. In a sudden cloudburst, water began to fill up the hole. Macura tried to bail it out with a bucket, slipped in, and drowned.

A hermit living outside Caracas, Venezuela bet his neighbors that he could prove his supernatural abilities by hypnotizing a jaguar. The man lost the bet and his left arm when the jaguar failed to notice his hypnotic powers.

In Portland, Oregon this week, a car crashed through a guardrail on an access ramp and landed on top of an Amtrak passenger train. According to the AP report, police charged the driver with "failure to drive within a traffic lane."

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